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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Washington 25, D. C.

July 18, 1955

My dear Mr. Secretary:

This is in reference to an item in your 1955 legislative program entitled "To amend further the Missing Persons Act, as amended."

This proposal contains provisions with which we have previously concurred informally. However, upon further review and consideration of a proposal advanced by the Department of Commerce we have come to the conclusion that it would be desirable to provide coverage for civilian employees along lines which you originally recommended. This will have the effect of bringing them under the coverage of the Missing Persons Act whether serving in this country or overseas. Accordingly, it is recommended that the provisions of the proposed Section 1(a)(3) be revised to provide coverage for civilian employees wherever serving, except that persons employed in the United States and those employed outside the United States who are residents at or in the vicinity of the place of their employment and who are not living there solely as a result of their employment should be provided with coverage only while in the course of their employment.

Subject to the foregoing, you are advised that there would be no objection to the presentation of the measure for the consideration of the Congress.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Roger W. Jones

Assistant Director for
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The Honorable

The Secretary of Defense

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